Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 015-00252-2134-147	Date: 01/06/15	Time: 2121 hours	
Location: [redacted]	City or Station: Los Angeles (Willowbrook)		
Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol Division / Century Station	Admin. Investigation: ◯ YES ◯ NO		
Type of Force: Taser / Resistive Handcuffing			
Incident Category: ◯1 ◉2 ◯3	Deputy Injury: ◯ YES ◉ NO	Suspect Injury ◉ YES ◯ NO	
☒ Call	☐ Observation	☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: ◉ YES ◯ NO	Person Notified: Lt. Dominic Valencia	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ◯ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Rothrock	Ryan	W	Dep

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ◯ F	H	509	185	27	◯ EM ◯ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ◯ OT Shift ◯ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Century Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 213E
Individual Force Used: Taser / Resistive Handcuffing
◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ◯1 ◉2 ◯3
Coroner Case #:
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

E2

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Martinez	Edward	V	Dep

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ◯ F	H	604	270	34	◯ EM ◯ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ◯ OT Shift ◯ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Century Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 213E
Individual Force Used: Control Holds / Resistive Handcuffing
◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ◉1 ◯2 ◯3
Coroner Case #:
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

E3

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		Dep

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ◯ F	H	508	175	30	◉ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◉ Regular Shift ◯ OT Shift ◯ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Century Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 213F
Individual Force Used: Control Holds / Resistive Handcuffing
◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ◉1 ◯2 ◯3
Coroner Case #:
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

☒ Additional Involved Employees

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Davoren	John	F	Sgt.	YES ◉ NO ◯	YES ◉ NO ◯

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Chapman	Scott	D	Sgt.	YES ◯ NO ◉	YES ◯ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Powers	James	C	Lt.

LT. J. Powers — 8/4/17
Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**: Date

Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #:

Unit Commander (**Print Name**) Unit Commander's **Signature**: Emp #: Date

DISCOVERY Use Only
FO# 2373258

☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Ruiz	Miguel	A	Dep

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
(●) M ( ) F	H	511	200	36	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Century Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 213F

Individual Force Used: Control Holds / Resistive Hobble

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: (●) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #

E 5

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Davoren	John	F	Sgt

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
(●) M ( ) F	W	509	195	46	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Century Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 214S

Individual Force Used:

(●) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Facility: ______

Coroner Case #

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: C

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Facility: ______

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
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Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

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Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
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Individual Force Used:

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Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

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Coroner Case #

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Pickett	Brian	O'Neal	

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex	Race	Age	Height	Weight	D.O.B	Phone #1: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C	Phone #2: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C
◉ Male ◯ Female	B	26	511	190	10/01/88		

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: 422 P.C. Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ◯ NO Name: LA County Fire Unit: #41 Phone #: 323-564-6241

Hospital Admission? ☒ Rec'd Treatment At: St. Francis Coroner Case #: 2015-0154 Mental History ☒ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Chang Address: 3630 E. Imperial Hwy., Lynwood Phone #: 310-900-8900

Under Influence: ◉ YES ◯ NO Substance: CNS Stimulant 5150 a factor in force? ◉ YES ◯ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Armed? Select

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex: ◯ Male ◯ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C | Phone #2: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◯ YES ◯ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ◯ YES ◯ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ◯ YES ◯ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Armed? Select

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex: ◯ Male ◯ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C | Phone #2: ◯ H ◯ W ◯ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◯ YES ◯ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ◯ YES ◯ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ◯ YES ◯ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ Additional Suspects Involved

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Bonilla	Edgar	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Century Station	214E	○ EM ○ Day ● PM	○ Regular ● OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Brewer	David	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Century Station	214E	○ EM ○ Day ● PM	○ Regular ● OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	45	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	23	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

☐ **Additional Witness**

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Pickett	S#1	Rothrock	E#1	HR	NN	NA
Pickett	S#1	Martinez	E#2	HR	NN	NA
Pickett	S#1	[redacted]	E#3	HR	NN	NA
Pickett	S#1	Ruiz	E#4	HR	NN	NA
Rothrock	E#1	Pickett	S#1	TR	PW	CH
Pickett	S#1	Martinez	E#2	RS	NN	LE
Pickett	S#1	[redacted]	E#3	RS	NN	AR
Pickett	S#1	Ruiz	E#4	RS	NN	AR
[redacted]	E#3	Pickett	S#1	CT	NN	AR
Ruiz	E#4	Pickett	S#1	CT	NN	AR
Martinez	E#2	Pickett	S#1	CT	NN	LE
Pickett	S#1	Rothrock	E#1	RS	NN	AR
Pickett	S#1	Martinez	E#2	RS	NN	LE
Pickett	S#1	[redacted]	E#3	RS	NN	AR
Pickett	S#1	Ruiz	E#4	RS	NN	AR
Rothrock	E#1	Pickett	S#1	CT	NN	AR
[redacted]	E#3	Pickett	S#1	RH	NN	AR
Martinez	E#2	Pickett	S#1	CT	NN	LE
Ruiz	E#4	Pickett	S#1	HB	NN	AK

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

FORCE REVIEW SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **Use of Force - Category 2 – In Custody Death**

DATE/TIME: **January 7, 2015 / 2121 hours**

URN #: **015-00252-2134-339**

IAB #: **FO 2373258**

LOCATION: [redacted]

SYNOPSIS

On January 7, 2015, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force and Shooting Rollout Team, comprised of Lieutenant Dominic Valencia and Sergeants John Adams and Jeff Smith, responded to Century Sheriff's Station regarding a use of force. The use of force occurred at [redacted] and resulted with Brian Pickett (suspect) dying while in custody. On December 16, 2016, the investigation was reassigned to Sergeant Scott Chapman. A Justice System Integrity Division letter **[Exhibit B]** was received, dated October 26, 2016.

SUMMARY

Century Station Deputies Edward Martinez and Ryan Rothrock (involved employees), unit #213E, responded to a family disturbance (415F) call at [redacted] (Century Station Tag #253).

IAB Note: [redacted]

The call stated Brian Pickett (informant's son) was refusing to leave the location and was possibly under the influence **[Exhibit A: Pages 21-22].** Upon Deputies Martinez and Rothrock's arrival they contacted [redacted] (victim), the suspect's [redacted] The front door of the location was open and Victim [redacted] and [redacted] were seated on the living room couch and crying. Victim [redacted] is Victim [redacted] and Suspect Pickett's [redacted]

She advised Deputy Martinez that her [redacted] Suspect Pickett, was on drugs, acting erratic, and she felt in danger of Suspect Pickett. Deputy Martinez spoke to Victim [redacted] and determined Suspect Pickett was arrestable for felony criminal threats based on Victim [redacted] statements. Suspect Pickett's [redacted] (Victim [redacted], was also present at the home and felt in danger of Suspect Pickett. While speaking to the victims, both deputies could hear Suspect Pickett singing from within the home. The deputies asked Victim [redacted] if Suspect Pickett had any weapons, where he was located, and what kind of drugs he was on.

Victim [redacted] told the deputies Suspect Pickett was in the bathroom. She did not see him with any weapons, and the suspect told her he had used methamphetamine and PCP (Phencyclidine). Both deputies had two prior contacts with Suspect Pickett. Based on the prior contacts, Deputy Martinez decided to make contact with Suspect Pickett. Deputy Martinez believed Suspect Pickett would recognize him, and he could deescalate the situation. Both deputies walked down a narrow hallway toward the bathroom. The deputies observed Suspect Pickett was squatting on the bathroom counter, staring into the mirror while rapping (singing). Suspect Pickett was only wearing shorts, with no shirt on. Suspect Pickett was described by deputies, as being under the influence of a stimulant. He was sweating profusely, appeared highly agitated, and was tensing his muscles. Deputy Rothrock, from a distance of approximately three feet, identified himself as a deputy sheriff and asked Suspect Pickett if he would step outside so they could talk. Suspect Pickett told Deputy Rothrock to "get the fuck out of my house. You don't belong here. I didn't call you." Based on Suspect Pickett's bizarre behavior and statements, the deputies backed out of the bathroom and hallway. Deputy Martinez requested a field sergeant and Taser to his location via the radio. Deputy Rothrock remained approximately 15 feet away near the living room, maintaining a visual down the hallway toward the open bathroom door in the event Suspect Pickett fled the location.

Sergeant Davoren (involved employee) acknowledged the request and responded to the location. Upon hearing the request for a sergeant, Deputies Ruiz and [redacted] (involved employees), unit # 213F, advised Deputy Martinez via [redacted] they would also respond with a Taser. Deputies Brewer and Bonilla (witnesses), unit # 214E, via the radio, also stated they were responding. Once the assisting deputies arrived ([redacted] Ruiz, Brewer, and Bonilla) as well as Sergeant Davoren, Deputy Martinez told the team Suspect Pickett was arrestable for felony criminal threats based on the victim's statements. At 2142 hours, Sergeant Davoren videotaped an interview **[Exhibit C]** with Victim [redacted] prior to the use of force. Suspect Pickett told Victim [redacted] he would kill her and threatened her [redacted] (Victim [redacted]. Suspect Pickett has "pushed" the victim in the past, and Suspect Pickett had been tased in the past. Victims [redacted] and [redacted] were asked to wait in the front yard of the residence for officer safety reasons.

Deputy Martinez verbalized a tactical plan to the team of deputies. Deputies [redacted] and Ruiz were assigned as "hands on / handcuffing." Deputy Rothrock was assigned as less lethal / Taser. Deputy Brewer was assigned less lethal / hobble.

Deputy Bonilla was assigned as back up less lethal / Taser. Deputy Martinez was assigned as the contact person (communicator) and "Hot radio."

IAB Note: Deputies Rothrock, Martinez, [redacted] Ruiz and Sergeant Davoren all stated "Lethal" weapons were assigned, but could not remember who had that assignment. "Hot radio" is a term used for the person who will utilize the radio, to summon additional help in the event of an emergent situation (shooting).

Sergeant Davoren was present for the plan and interjected by having Deputies Brewer and Bonilla maintain a visual of the victims, who were in the front yard of the residence. The team of deputies (Martinez, Rothrock, Ruiz and [redacted] walked down the narrow hallway leading to the bathroom. Sergeant Davoren remained toward the rear of the team of deputies where he monitored the scene from the hallway. Deputies Brewer and Bonilla stood near Sergeant Davoren to monitor the victims who were outside.

Deputy Martinez initiated a verbal conversation with Suspect Pickett, who was now standing in the bathroom, facing the bathroom sink and mirror. Deputy Martinez told Suspect Pickett to place his hands behind his back and step out of the bathroom, so they could speak to him. Suspect Pickett did not comply and began yelling at the deputies and said, "Fuck you, get the fuck out of my house, you don't belong." Deputy Martinez told Suspect Pickett he would be tased if he did not comply. Suspect Pickett stated, "Get the fuck out of my house!" Deputy Martinez repeated the verbal orders again, when Suspect Pickett tensed his muscles, clenched both fists, and abruptly turned towards the deputies who were in the hallway. Deputy Rothrock, armed with a Taser, believed Suspect Pickett was going to charge the deputies and assault them. He employed the Taser, striking Suspect Pickett in the chest. After being tased, Suspect Pickett stumbled backward slightly, still clinching his fists and yelled, "You can't get me." Suspect Pickett turned and stumbled facedown into the bathtub (no water). Suspect Pickett raised his arms and extended his hands as if to brace his fall. While in the bathtub, Suspect Pickett kicked his legs toward deputies and flailed his body. Deputy Rothrock believed the Taser was ineffective. Based on Suspect Pickett's continued assaultive behavior, Deputy Rothrock held the trigger past the initial five second burst.

IAB Note: Deputy Rothrock estimated he held the Taser trigger down for 15 seconds.

Deputies [redacted] and Ruiz went into the bathroom in an attempt to gain control over Suspect Pickett's arms and upper torso, per the tactical plan. Deputy Martinez took hold of Suspect Pickett's feet and ankles. Suspect Pickett flailed his body and was not complying with verbal orders. Due to the small bathroom and the deputies' inability to control or handcuff Suspect Pickett, they decided to move Suspect Pickett to the hallway. Deputies Ruiz and [redacted] lifted Suspect Pickett's torso, by way of his arms and shoulders.

Deputy Martinez picked Suspect Pickett's legs up and the deputies carried Suspect Pickett into the hallway, placing him on his stomach. Once in the hallway, Deputy [redacted] handcuffed Suspect Pickett's right wrist. Suspect Pickett held his left arm underneath him, despite verbal orders to give up his hands. Deputies Ruiz and Rothrock used control holds to pull Suspect Pickett's left arm behind his back. Deputy [redacted] then completed the handcuffing. Suspect Pickett was still kicking his legs and feet, and Deputy Martinez used control holds and crossed Suspect Pickett's ankles and bent his legs forward to pin them against his buttocks / lower back area. Deputy Brewer handed a hobble to Deputy Ruiz. Deputies Martinez and Ruiz applied the hobble to Suspect Pickett's legs. They did not connect the loose end of the hobble to the handcuffs.

IAB Note: Deputy Rothrock estimated from the time they entered the bathroom, until Suspect Pickett was handcuffed was approximately 15-20 seconds.

After Suspect Pickett was successfully handcuffed and hobbled, he was lifted off the hallway floor, in the same manner by Deputies Ruiz, [redacted] and Martinez. The three deputies carried Suspect Pickett to the living room and placed him on the floor on his left side. Deputy Ruiz stood perpendicular to Suspect Pickett, while holding the loose end of the hobble. Deputy Ruiz visually observed Suspect Pickett's chest / abdomen rise and fall, and heard what appeared to be breathing and observed Suspect Pickett's eyes were open. Deputy Rothrock walked outside to call for paramedics as part of standard procedures for someone who has been tased. Deputies Martinez and [redacted] both checked Suspect Pickett's pulse, via the carotid artery. They both felt a pulse and saw Suspect Pickett's chest rise and fall.

Los Angeles County Fire Department #41 arrived on scene and began treating Suspect Pickett. They determined he was not responsive and asked Deputy Ruiz to remove the handcuffs and hobble and began lifesaving efforts.

Suspect Pickett was transported to Saint Francis Medical Center by Care Ambulance #3414. Deputy Bonilla rode in the ambulance with Suspect Pickett, while Deputy Brewer followed in a radio car. Both deputies did not use any force. Doctor Chang treated Suspect Pickett, under patient number 000321042, and he was pronounced dead at 2239 hours. Homicide Bureau Detectives Sergeant Richard Biddle # [redacted] and Sergeant Barry Hall # [redacted] responded to the scene to conduct a death investigation.

A criminal report under URN # 015-00252-2134-339 **[Exhibit: Pages 1-5]** was written, naming Brian Pickett as a suspect for Criminal Threats, 422(a) P.C.

IAB INVESTIGATION

IAB investigators reviewed the original call for service, Century Station tag # 253 **[Exhibit A: Pages 21-22].**

Investigators noted, unit #216D1, Deputies [redacted] # [redacted] and [redacted] # [redacted] were originally assigned the call; however, they were cancelled and never responded. Thus, they were not interviewed. Deputy [redacted] # [redacted] unit # 212H1 and Deputies [redacted] # [redacted] and [redacted] # [redacted] unit # 216H, responded approximately 45 minutes after the use of force. These deputies were not interviewed.

The following were involved in the use of force: Deputies **Rothrock, Martinez, Ruiz,** [redacted] and Sergeant **Davoren**. Two employee witnesses were also identified: Deputies **Brewer** and **Bonilla**. All employees were interviewed by IAB investigators. IAB investigators reviewed the homicide case book prepared by Detectives Biddle and Hall. Detectives Biddle and Hall interviewed Deputies Rothrock, Martinez, Ruiz, [redacted] Bonilla, Brewer, and Sergeant Davoren the night of the incident. IAB investigators reviewed the audio interviews and had them transcribed for this case. During the homicide investigation, the preliminary coroner's report **[Exhibit A: Page 44]** stated Suspect Pickett may have been "Drive Stunned." Homicide Detectives Hall and Biddle re-interviewed Deputies Rothrock, Martinez, and Bonilla on January 22, 2015. During these interviews all the deputies stated the suspect was never "Drive Stunned." After the completion of the autopsy, a "Drive Stun" was ruled out by Doctors Fajardo and Panchal, of the Coroner's Office. IAB investigators reviewed the autopsy report # 2015-00154 **[Exhibit A: Pages 78-92]** and homicide case book. Suspect Pickett's "cause of death was related to effects of methamphetamine use, associated with probable excited delirium" **[Exhibit A: Page 76]**. IAB investigators reviewed the toxicology report **[Exhibit A: Pages 103-104]** and noted Suspect Pickett tested "presumptive positive" for cocaine and methamphetamine.

IAB Note: **Excited delirium is a controversial proposed condition that manifests as a combination of delirium, psychomotor agitation, anxiety, hallucinations, speech disturbances, disorientation, violent and bizarre behavior, insensitivity to pain, elevated body temperature, and superhuman strength. Excerpt from Wikipedia via the internet.**

IAB investigators reviewed the homicide case book, where calls for service to [redacted] were listed **[Exhibit A: Pages #184-186]**. Upon reviewing the calls, three calls were identified where Deputies Martinez and or Rothrock had previously contacted Suspect Pickett.

On September 16, 2014, Deputies Rothrock and Martinez handled two report calls for a court order violation involving Suspect Pickett, Century Station tags # 254 / 293.

A criminal report was written under Century Station URN 014-16024-2134-175 **[Exhibit A: Pages 138-153].** Suspect Pickett was described as "cooperative" and no force was used (see Deputy Martinez' IAB transcripts page #5).

On June 1, 2014, Deputies Martinez and Quinones #[redacted] handled a call for service at the location, Century Station tag # 234 **[Exhibit A: Page 183]**. Deputy Martinez contacted Suspect Pickett in his bedroom at the home. His [redacted] (Victim [redacted] wanted Suspect Pickett removed from the home; however, no crime occurred and no report was taken. No force was used and Suspect Pickett was described as "completely mellow" (see Deputy Martinez' IAB transcripts page #5).

On June 8, 2014, Century Station deputies used force against Suspect Pickett. Suspect Pickett was exhibiting bizarre behavior consistent with PCP use. After reviewing the Supervisors Report on Use of Force under URN 014-08859-2132-183, Suspect Pickett was tased and "Drive stunned" numerous times, however, the Taser application was ineffective. None of the employees from the June 2014 incident were involved with this incident (January 2015) **[Exhibit A: Pages 195-233]**.

During the administrative investigative interviews, Deputies Rothrock, Martinez, [redacted] and Ruiz were asked if they used personal (hands, fists, feet) or impact weapons on Suspect Pickett. They stated they did not. All involved personnel and sworn witnesses were asked by IAB investigators, if Suspect Pickett appeared to be in distress, or was not breathing, what they would have done. All of the personnel interviewed, independently stated they would have removed the handcuffs and immediately performed cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

IAB investigators contacted the Tactics and Survival Training Unit, Sergeant Michael Harding #[redacted] to obtain information regarding the course curriculum for Taser training. Sergeant Harding emailed the course curriculum, highlighting the tactic of holding down the trigger past the initial five seconds **(see Miscellaneous Documents).** IAB investigators obtained and reviewed Deputy Rothrock's training records (see **Miscellaneous Documents**).

Homicide Detectives Hall and Biddle interviewed the following Los Angeles County Fire personnel who responded to the scene. **Fire Captain Kevin Ysais**, **Engineer Josh Rubenstein**, **Fireman Dustin Moreno**, **Paramedic Kameron Harris** and **Paramedic Paul Payne**. All of the above fire personnel did not witness the use of force, therefore they were not interviewed by IAB. Their interviews with homicide personnel were transcribed and are contained within this summary.

Homicide Detectives Hall and Biddle spoke to Victim [redacted] at Saint Francis Medical Center, the night of the incident. Detectives Hall and Biddle interviewed Victims [redacted] and [redacted] at their attorney's (John Sweeney) office, on January 16, 2015. Their interviews with homicide personnel were transcribed and are contained within this summary.

According to Department of Motor Vehicles, both victims still reside at [redacted] (see **Miscellaneous Documents**). Certified contact letters (see **Miscellaneous Documents**) were mailed to [redacted] and [redacted] Both certified letters were returned as "unclaimed." The victims were not interviewed by IAB investigators.

IAB investigators obtained and reviewed the crime lab's hand drawn and digital diagram of the interior of the home **[Exhibit D]**. According to Zillow, via the internet, the home at [redacted] is approximately 1,029 square foot single family home, with three bedrooms and one bathroom.

IAB investigators obtained and reviewed the crime scene photos from the crime lab **[Exhibit E]**. Five color photos depicting the front door, living room, hallway, bathroom doorway and bathroom were printed for reference **[Exhibit F]**.

IAB investigators obtained and reviewed the radio traffic **[Exhibit G]** associated with the use of force incident. The radio traffic was conducted on [redacted] where Deputy Martinez requested a field sergeant and assisting deputies communicated and responded. Deputy Rothrock also requested fire personnel [redacted] via the radio after the use of force.

> **IAB Note: [redacted] is an alternate tactical radio frequency, used by personnel to directly communicate with other personnel without the use of a dispatcher.**

The Taser data sheet for Deputy Rothrock's Taser, Model X-26, serial # X00-378258, used during the force was reviewed. The last two sequences (#438 / #439) show an activation on, March 17, 2000 at 18:03:23 for 29 seconds (#438). The second activation overlapped the first, at 18:03:29, for 5 seconds (#439) **[Exhibit A: Pages 252-267]**. The Taser's internal clock was inaccurate by numerous years, however, the activation log appeared accurate. Deputy Bonilla also had a Taser on his person during the use of force. Deputy Bonilla stated he never deployed his Taser. Deputy Bonilla's Taser, Model X-26, serial # X00-594033 was also reviewed. According to the Taser data sheet, the last time this Taser was fired was on December, 6, 2014. The internal clock appeared to be accurate **[Exhibit A: Pages 269-270]**.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY RYAN ROTHROCK

Deputy Rothrock employed the Taser and control holds.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY EDWARD MARTINEZ

Deputy Martinez used control holds and assisted with applying the hobble.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] used control holds.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY MIGUEL RUIZ

Deputy Ruiz used control holds and assisted with applying the hobble.

TIMELINE

The following is a summary of the timeline of events that occurred from the time of the call for service, to the point when the suspect is pronounced dead. All times were taken from the call details, radio traffic and the homicide case book.

2128 hours: Call for service dispatched.

2129 hours: Deputies Martinez / Rothrock on scene.

2131 hours: Deputy Martinez requests field sergeant [redacted] Deputies Ruiz / [redacted] (unit # 213F) and Brewer and Bonilla (#213E) stated they are responding.

2142 hours: Sergeant Davoren on scene, video tapes interview with Victim [redacted]

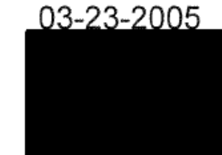
2148 hours: Deputy Rothrock requests fire (Dispatch Channel).

2154 hours: Los Angeles County Fire on scene.

2259 hours: Suspect Pickett pronounced dead at Saint Francis Medical Center.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

Rothrock, Ryan, Deputy, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division / Century Station
Date of Employment: 06-27-2007
Date assigned to unit: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

Martinez, Edward, Deputy, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division / Century Station
Date of Employment: 03-23-2005
Date assigned to unit: [redacted]

Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

[redacted] Deputy, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division / Century Station
Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date assigned to unit:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

Ruiz, Miguel, Deputy, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division / Century Station
Date of Employment: 01-25-2006
Date assigned to unit: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

Davoren, John, Sergeant, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division / Century Station
Date of Employment: 12-10-1990
Date promoted and assigned to unit: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

INVOLVED SUSPECT:

Pickett, Brian Male/Black
Date of Birth: October 1, 1988 (26 years old)
Criminal History: [redacted]

INJURIES:

Suspect Pickett sustained two puncture wounds on the left side of his chest area. There was a small laceration above the left eye and an abrasion on the left side of his face, approximately 1' from his eye. No other injuries to head or body were observed **[Exhibit A: Page 44]**. Suspect Pickett was pronounced dead at 2239 hours, by Doctor Chang of Saint Francis Medical Center.

CHARGES FILED AND DISPOSITONS:

None

The following is a summary of the recorded interviews of the involved employees, and witnesses statements to IAB investigators. For additional information, refer to the attached verbatim transcripts and/or audio files.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:

Deputy Ryan Rothrock was interviewed on July 19, 2017, by IAB Sergeants Chapman and Ortega. Deputy Rothrock was working a two person car with Deputy Martinez (unit #213E) and was [redacted] at the time of the force. They responded to a family disturbance call and contacted the victims. Deputies Rothrock and Martinez decided to contact Suspect Pickett in an attempt to de-escalate the situation. Upon doing so, Suspect Pickett was acting different than a prior contact and appeared to be under the influence. Deputy Rothrock stated he had one prior contact with Suspect Pickett. Based on their observations, he and Deputy Martinez backed out and requested a field sergeant.

Deputy Rothrock was standing near Deputy Martinez when they re-contacted Suspect Pickett to effect an arrest. Deputy Rothrock heard Deputy Martinez give two verbal orders to Suspect Pickett to step outside or he would be tased (IAB transcripts page #6). Suspect Pickett bladed his body toward the deputies and clenched his fists. Deputy Rothrock described the suspect as "high risk, assaultive" and believed they were about to get attacked (IAB transcripts pages #12-13). Deputy Rothrock announced "Taser, Taser" and employed the Taser. Deputy Rothrock observed the Taser darts strike Suspect Pickett in the upper chest and Suspect Pickett's reaction was not normal. Deputy Rothrock felt as though the Taser did not work. Deputy Rothrock stated the effect of the Taser was totally different, in that "this guy still had control over his body" (Homicide transcripts pages #25-26). Based on Suspect Pickett's reaction, coupled with Deputy Rothrock's training and experience in the training and use of the Taser, he held the Taser's trigger down during the course of the force for a period of approximately 15 seconds (IAB transcripts page # 14). Deputy Rothrock was unable to enter the bathroom, due to the size. Once Suspect Pickett was moved to the hallway, Deputy Rothrock assisted Deputy [redacted] by pulling on Suspect Pickett's left arm to complete the handcuffing. Deputy Rothrock observed the suspect and believed Suspect Pickett was breathing and not in distress.

Deputy Edward Martinez was interviewed on July 19, 2017, by IAB Sergeants Chapman and Ortega. Deputy Martinez was working a two person car with Deputy Rothrock (unit #213E). They responded to a family disturbance call and contacted the victims. Deputy Martinez determined a felony occurred based on the victim's statements. Deputy Martinez stated he had two prior contacts with Suspect Pickett. During both contacts, Suspect Pickett was described as cooperative (IAB transcripts pages # 4-5). Deputies Martinez and Rothrock decided to contact Suspect Pickett in an attempt to de-escalate the situation. Upon doing so, Suspect Pickett was acting different than prior contacts and appeared to be under the influence (IAB transcripts page #6). Based on Deputy Martinez' initial observations, he and Deputy Rothrock backed out and requested a field sergeant. Deputy Martinez verbalized a tactical plan to the team of deputies and assigned everyone a specific job to affect an arrest.

Deputy Martinez and the team of deputies re-contacted Suspect Pickett. Deputy Martinez gave Suspect Pickett two verbal orders to place his hands behind his back and step outside, or he would be tased (IAB transcripts page # 10). Suspect Pickett did not comply with the orders and bladed his body towards the deputies, tensed up and clenched both fists (IAB transcripts pages # 11-12). Deputy Martinez believed he was about to be assaulted, when Deputy Rothrock employed the Taser. Deputy Martinez stated the Taser was ineffective, because normally a person who has been tased, becomes completely incapacitated, whereas Suspect Pickett continued fighting (IAB transcripts pages #12-13). Deputy Martinez entered the bathroom and took hold of Suspect Pickett's ankles. Deputy Martinez assisted moving Suspect Pickett from the bathroom to the hallway, by lifting Suspect Pickett's legs. Suspect Pickett was placed on his stomach in the hallway, and Deputy Martinez maintained a hold of Suspect Pickett's ankles, and assisted placing the hobble around Suspect Pickett's legs. Once Suspect Pickett was moved to the living room, Deputy Martinez checked the suspect's carotid artery and ensured he was breathing.

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed on July 20, 2017, by IAB Sergeants Chapman and Alvarez. Deputy Barragan was working a two person car with Deputy Ruiz (unit #213F). Once he arrived, Victim [redacted] told Deputy [redacted] Suspect Pickett had used cocaine, methamphetamine and PCP earlier in the day. Deputy [redacted] relayed this information to Deputy Martinez in the event he was unaware of it (IAB transcripts page 4). Deputy [redacted] was briefed by Deputy Martinez and assigned as "hands on / handcuffing" for the arrest team.

Deputy [redacted] was the third person in line, behind Deputies Rothrock and Martinez. Deputy [redacted] stated he heard the verbal commands given by Deputy Martinez to Suspect Pickett and saw Suspect Pickett clench his fists. Deputy [redacted] believed they were about to be attacked. Deputy [redacted] heard the pop of the Taser, but did not see the darts strike Suspect Pickett. Deputy [redacted] stated the Taser application appeared to be ineffective, because normally a person who has been tased "locks up and disables them." However, Suspect Pickett was still flailing his arms and kicking (IAB transcripts pages # 9-10). Deputy [redacted] entered the bathroom and attempted to gain control of Suspect Pickett's torso, as the suspect was flailing his body (IAB transcripts page # 11). Once Suspect Pickett was moved into the hallway, Deputy [redacted] gave Suspect Pickett several verbal orders to place his hands behind his back. Suspect Pickett had his left arm tucked under his body and was not complying with the verbal orders. Deputy [redacted] eventually pulled Suspect Pickett's left arm from under his body to his back and completed the handcuffing. Deputy [redacted] assisted moving Suspect Pickett from the hallway to the living room. Deputy [redacted] checked Suspect Pickett's "ABC's" by way of checking the suspect's carotid artery and ensuring he was breathing (IAB transcripts page #14). After checking Suspect Pickett's pulse, he cleared the remaining rooms in the house for officer safety.

IAB Note: "ABC" is an acronym for airway, breathing, and circulation.

Deputy Miguel Ruiz was interviewed on July 18, 2017, by IAB Sergeants Chapman and Alvarez. Deputy Ruiz was working a two person car with Deputy [redacted] (unit #213F). Deputy Ruiz was assigned as the "hands on" person for the arrest team. Once the team of deputies walked towards the bathroom, where Suspect Pickett was located, Deputy Ruiz positioned himself on the opposite side of the doorway from Deputy Martinez. Deputy Ruiz stated he could see Suspect Pickett.

Deputy Ruiz stated he heard several verbal commands. Suspect Pickett then turned his body in a "fighting stance." Deputy Rothrock employed the Taser, which appeared not to be effective. Deputy Ruiz stated suspects who are tased usually put their hands out, or stop fighting. Suspect Pickett stepped back slightly, fell into the bathtub, and continued fighting. (IAB transcripts pages #9-10). Deputy Ruiz entered the bathroom and took hold of Suspect Pickett's right arm and wrist. Suspect Pickett was still resisting, and Deputy Ruiz was unable to handcuff Suspect Pickett. Deputy Ruiz took hold of Suspect Pickett's right arm and shoulder area. Deputies Martinez, Ruiz, and [redacted] lifted Suspect Pickett out of bathtub and into the small hallway. Once in the hallway, Deputy Ruiz managed to get Suspect Pickett's arm behind his back to complete the handcuffing. Once handcuffed, Deputy Ruiz assisted Deputy Martinez with hobbling Suspect Pickett's legs. Once Suspect Pickett was handcuffed and hobbled, Deputy Ruiz took hold of Suspect Pickett's legs and lifted him off the ground, where they moved him into the living room and placed him on his left side. Deputy Ruiz remained with Suspect Pickett until the fire department arrived. Deputy Ruiz was standing over Suspect Pickett holding the loose end of the hobble. Deputy Ruiz stated he saw Suspect Pickett's bare chest rise and fall and believed he was conscious and breathing (IAB transcripts pages # 13-14). Once the fire department arrived, fire personnel asked him to remove the handcuffs.

Sergeant John Davoren was interviewed on July 20, 2017, by IAB Sergeants Chapman and Alvarez. Sergeant Davoren was working as the field sergeant, unit #214S. Sergeant Davoren responded to the location due to a radio request by Deputy Martinez. Once on scene, he was briefed by Deputy Martinez. Sergeant Davoren stated the situation was calm, controlled and nobody rushed into any judgment (IAB transcripts page # 12). Sergeant Davoren interviewed Victim [redacted] on video tape prior to effecting an arrest and confirmed Victim [redacted] was in fear and a crime occurred. Sergeant Davoren provided Deputy Rothrock with a Taser and Deputy Martinez briefed Sergeant Davoren of the tactical plan.

Sergeant Davoren was satisfied with the plan, but interjected by having Deputies Bonilla and Brewer monitor the family members who were outside of the residence (IAB transcripts page # 6). Sergeant Davoren remained in the hallway, near the kitchen, approximately 12-15 feet away from the bathroom, due the narrow hallway and confined areas. He could hear the verbal orders and Suspect Pickett's response. Sergeant Davoren heard the Taser announcement by Deputy Rothrock, the pop and cycling of the Taser. Several deputies went into the bathroom and out of view. Shortly thereafter, he observed several deputies place Suspect Pickett in the hallway.

He was unsure if Suspect Pickett was handcuffed, as his view was obstructed by several deputies. Sergeant Davoren observed the deputies carry Suspect Pickett to the living room. Sergeant Davoren told the deputies to place him on his side and instructed the deputies to observe Suspect Pickett's breathing. Sergeant Davoren also observed Suspect Pickett was breathing by way of his chest rising and falling (IAB transcripts pages # 8-9). Sergeant Davoren observed Deputy [redacted] check Suspect Pickett's pulse again. Sergeant Davoren then walked outside to speak to the family (victims).

SWORN WITNESS STATEMENTS

Deputy Edgar Bonilla was interviewed on July 18, 2017, by IAB Sergeants Chapman and Alvarez. Deputy Bonilla was working a two person car with Deputy Brewer (unit #214E). During the incident, Deputy Bonilla was assigned as a backup Taser person if needed. Deputy Bonilla stood in the hallway monitoring the family members (Victim Pickett and Victim Ford) who were standing in the front yard of the residence. Once Suspect Pickett was carried out of the bathroom, Deputy Bonilla re-positioned himself, stepping over the suspect and deputies, placing himself toward Suspect Pickett's feet and back. Deputy Bonilla stated by doing so, it would be easier to employ the Taser from the rear (IAB transcripts pages # 8-9). Deputy Bonilla stated Deputies [redacted] and Ruiz were near Suspect Pickett's upper torso and Deputy Martinez was controlling the suspect's feet. Several deputies moved Suspect Pickett from the hallway to the living room. Deputy Bonilla immediately exited the home to direct the fire department into the location. Deputy Bonilla did not observe Suspect Pickett, thus he could not describe Suspect Pickett's condition (IAB transcripts page # 10). Deputy Bonilla rode in the ambulance with Suspect Pickett while he was transported to St. Francis Medical Center.

Deputy David Brewer was interviewed on July 14, 2017, by IAB Sergeants Chapman and Jordan. Deputy Brewer was working a two person car with Deputy Bonilla (unit #214E). Upon Deputy Brewer's arrival, he was assigned as the hobble person if needed. Deputy Brewer stated he heard the verbal commands given by Deputy Martinez, heard the sound of the Taser and heard the struggle inside the bathroom. Deputy Brewer was unable to see the deputies struggling with Suspect Pickett in the bathroom because he was in the hallway (IAB transcripts pages # 7-8). Deputy Brewer said he handed his hobble to another deputy as he could not physically reach the suspect, due to the narrow hallway. Once Suspect Pickett was subdued, Deputy Brewer walked towards the living room to get out of the way. The deputies carried Suspect Pickett to the living room and Deputy Brewer observed Suspect Pickett placed on his left side, handcuffed and hobbled. He remained with the suspect until the fire department arrived. Deputy Brewer stated he never saw Suspect Pickett in distress and believed he was alive, based on the suspect's eyes being open and he could see the suspect's chest rise and fall (IAB transcripts page # 11-12).

NON-DEPARTMENTAL WITNESSES:

Los Angeles County Fire Department Station #41 personnel were interviewed by Homicide Detectives Biddle and Hall on January 26, 2015. The following personnel were interviewed: **Captain Kevin Ysais**, **Engineer Josh Rubenstein**, **Fireman Dustin Moreno**, **Paramedic Kameron Harris** and **Paramedic Paul Payne**.

The fire department employees were not present during the use of force, therefore, they were not re-interviewed by IAB. Their interviews with homicide personnel were transcribed and are contained within this summary.

Sergeant Davoren Interview (prior to entry)

[redacted] was videotaped and interviewed by Sergeant Davoren on January 6, 2015, at approximately 2142 hours. The interview took place prior to the use of force. Victim [redacted] did not witness the use of force. Victim [redacted] told Sergeant Davoren Suspect Pickett threatened to kill her and her [redacted] (Victim [redacted]. Victim [redacted] stated Suspect Pickett was under the influence of methamphetamine and PCP (Phencyclidine) and believed he would carry out the threats.

Homicide Interviews

[redacted] was interviewed on January 7, 2015, at approximately 0050 hours by Homicide Detectives Biddle and Hall. The interview took place at Saint Francis Medical Center, as the family was waiting in the emergency room. There were several unidentified male and female voices on the audio recording. The detectives explained the investigation process to Victim [redacted] and that a search warrant or consent would be needed to process the scene.

[redacted] was re-interviewed on January 16, 2015, by Homicide Detectives Biddle and Hall. The interview took place at the victim's Attorney John Sweeney's office. Victim [redacted] told the detectives Suspect Pickett was admitted [redacted] at College Hospital in September (unknown year). Suspect Pickett was diagnosed with [redacted] and prescribed unknown medication; however, Suspect Pickett would not take the medication because he did not like the way he felt afterward (Homicide transcripts pages # 28-29). Victim [redacted] stated the night of the incident, Suspect Pickett threatened her and she believed he would carry out the threats based on his [redacted] and narcotics use (Homicide transcripts page #8). Victim [redacted] was standing outside near the doorway to her home, and observed the deputies move Suspect Pickett to the living room (Homicide transcripts pages # 35-36).

Victim [redacted] stated she observed, from the front doorway, two unknown deputies check Suspect Pickett's pulse as he lay on the living room floor (Homicide transcripts page # 21). Victim [redacted] stated Suspect Pickett was tased previously in August (unknown year) by Century Station deputies and in Arizona in 2014.

Victim [redacted] stated Suspect Pickett had marks and scars all over is body from the previous Taser incidents (Homicide transcripts pages # 30-31).

[redacted] was interviewed on January 16, 2015, by Homicide Detectives Biddle and Hall. The interview took place at the victim's Attorney John Sweeney's office. Victim [redacted] stated on the date of this incident, Suspect Pickett was acting irrational and threatening her [redacted] (Victim [redacted]. She further stated Suspect Pickett told her he used marijuana, methamphetamine and heroin (page #49). Victim [redacted] called her [redacted] to discuss Suspect Pickett's behavior. Sometime during the phone conversation, Victim [redacted] called the police. Victim [redacted] stated the police showed up at their house and she went outside and remained on the phone with her [redacted] Victim [redacted] did not witness the force, but heard the "pop" of a Taser. At some point, during the incident, Victim [redacted] observed Suspect Pickett handcuffed laying on his side on the living room floor. Victim [redacted] could not see Suspect Pickett's face, as his head was pointed toward the interior of the home. She stated she observed an unknown deputy checking Suspect Pickett's pulse with two fingers (Homicide transcripts page # 45). Victim [redacted] was present when Suspect Pickett was tased during a prior incident and knows the sound a Taser makes. On the previous Taser incident, she stated the Taser was not effective, as Suspect Pickett did not go down. (Homicide transcripts page # 44).